

REMARKS

Prior to addressing the merits of the Office Action, the applicant and undersigned attorney would like to thank Examiner Harvey for the courtesies extended during the personal interview on November 10, 1998. During the interview, the applicant pointed out that the both Murry and Paroutaud references relied on in the rejection do not disclose the dynamic control means as set forth in the enclosed amendments. The Examiner agreed that an amendment of the type proposed in the interview (see Interview Summary) clarified the applicant's position with respect to the dynamic control aspect of the invention and overcame the prior art. The Examiner also agreed to review amendments clarifying that the loudspeaker means can be customized according to the specific sonic characteristics of the separate sound sources.

In response to the Office Action dated August 31, 1998 (Paper No. 10), Applicant requests reconsideration of all grounds of rejection.

Claims 1-34 are pending in this application. Claims 1-34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,710,034 to Murry (hereinafter referred to as Murry) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,315,060 to Paroutaud (hereinafter referred to as Paroutaud).

These claims are all believed allowable in light of the remarks above and the amendments to the claims.

CONCLUSION

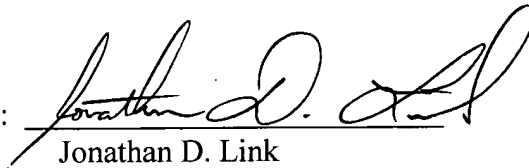
In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments. The application is believed to be in condition for allowance and notification thereof is respectfully requested. Should any outstanding issues remain, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 202-955-1869.

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